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Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 11:08 PM
To: Mary Lou Terrien
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Subject: House Bills 5409 to 5418

Dear members of the Michigan House,

I am writing in support of House Bills 5409-5418 that would prohibit restraint and seclusion except in emergency situations and then only in a way that would protect the student. I do have one suggestion.

In House Bill 5416 the training required for key identified personnel must include training in positive behavioral intervention and support; this critical training must be required, and not just recommended as it is in the current bill. A primary purpose of positive behavioral intervention and support is to prevent the situation of behavioral meltdowns that may result in a teacher or paraprofessional feeling the need to use emergency restraint or seclusion of a student.

My daughter was born severely hard of hearing 44 years ago, and I have been interested in special education since she was identified as having the hearing loss. I am an attorney and a significant part of my law practice is special education law. I have also taken the course in positive behavior intervention and support at Wayne State University in the College of Education. In 1988 as the president of the Michigan Chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing I started a summer camp program for deaf and hard of hearing children, and I have served as Co-Chair of that summer camp program for deaf and hard of hearing campers for the past 29 years.

I think that I am knowledgeable about positive behavioral intervention and support, and I hope that you will seriously consider suggestion to require that training. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

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